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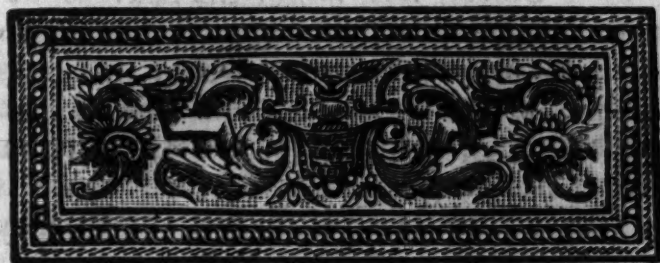


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FOrasmuch as many have taken in hand, to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believ'd among us, even as they deliver'd them unto us, which, from the beginning, were eye-witnesses, and ministers of the Word: It seem'd good to me also, *being call'd to it, to declare unto you in order, what is my Faith concerning them.*

Luke 1. 1.

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I. I BELIEVE that there is one God: for the invisible things of him, from the Creation of the World, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal Power and Godhead.

Jam. 2. 19.
Rom. 1. 20.

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II. I

- Pfal. 19. 1. II. *I Believe, that though* the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handy work; *tho'* day unto day utters speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge, **and there is** no speech nor language **where** their voice is not heard; yet after that, *men*, when they knew God, glorify'd him not as God, but became vain in their imaginations, it pleased God, at sundry times, and in divers manners, *to* speak in time past unto the fathers, by the Prophets, *and*, in these last days, unto us by **his** son, *and to cause it to be confirm'd* unto us by them that heard **him**, *and so*, by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe; *and this preaching is* not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, *in that* form of sound *and* faithful words which came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake **as they were** moved by the Holy Ghost, All Scripture being given by inspiration of God, and being profitable for Doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; for whatsoever *was* written aforetime, *was* written for our learning, *and is* a sure word of prophesy, able to save our souls.
- A&. 24. 14. III. *I therefore* BELIEVE all things which are written in the *Scriptures of the Old and New Testament concerning God, that he is the* I AM; a Spirit, *and* the God of the Spirits of all Flesh; The Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning;
- 1 Cor. 1. 21.
Heb. 1. 1.
2. 3.
1 Cor. 1. 21.
2. 13.
2 Tim. 1. 13.
Tit. 1. 9.
2 Pet. 1. 21.
2 Tim. 3. 16.
Rom. 15. 4.
2 Pet. 1. 19.
Exod. 3. 14.
John 4. 24.
Numb. 16. 22.
Jam. 1. 17.

turning; *The* holy, holy, holy Lord of hosts; The King eternal, immortal, invincible, the only wise God, *to whom is due* honour and glory for ever and ever: *That none can* by searching find out God, *none can* find out the Almighty unto perfection; for Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: his understanding *is* infinite; *and him* the heaven, and heaven of heavens cannot contain; *his* love also passeth knowledge, *he being* the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping Mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin, and that will by no means clear **the guilty**; *so that* in *his* sight the foolish shall not stand; *he* hates all workers of iniquity: *But* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him, the Lord *being* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works: *That* of him, and thro' him, and to him, **are** all things; and *that* all the inhabitants of the Earth **are** reputed as nothing: and he doth according to his Will in the army of heaven, and **among** the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, what doest thou? Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight; but all things **are** naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Isaiah 6. 3.

1 Tim. 1. 17.

Job 11. 7.

Psal. 147. 5.

1 King 8. 27.

Eph. 3. 19.

Exod. 34. 6.

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Psal. 5. 5.

Heb. 11. 6.

Psal. 145. 17.

Rom. 11. 36.

Dan. 4. 35.

Heb. 4. 13.

IV. *I Believe, that though* the Lord our God *is* one Lord, yet there are Three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three

Deut. 6. 4.

1 John 5. 7.

are

are one : *That* in the beginning (*even* before all things) was the Word (*for* all things were made by him ; and without him was not any thing made that was made) and the word was with God, and the word was God, *and* being in the form of God, the brightness of **his** glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, thought it not robbery to be equal with God ; *seeing he is* the King, the holy [**Jehovah**, or] Lord of hosts, God over all, blessed for ever, *who has sent unto us* from the Father, the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, *who also is the* holy [**Jehovah**, or] Lord of hosts, *which spake by Isaiah the Prophet,* unto our Fathers.

V. *I Believe that God* works all things after the counsel of his own will, to the praise of his glory ; *and that* the counsel of the Lord stands for ever, the thoughts of his heart unto all generations,

VI. *I Believe that God* created all things that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible ; whether *they be* Thrones, or Dominions, or Principalities, or Powers : all things were created by him, and for him : *and thro' faith I understand* that the worlds were fram'd by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear ; *and that* the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his Nostrils the breath of life ; and man became a living soul created in the image of God, *who gave him*

John 1. 1.
Col. 1. 17.
John 1. 3.

Phil. 2. 6.
Heb. 1. 3.

Isa. 6. 5. with
John 12. 41.
Rom. 9. 5.
John. 15. 26.

Isa. 6. 3.
Acts 28. 25.

Eph. 1. 11,
12.

Psal. 33. 11.

Rev. 4. 11.
Col. 1. 16.

Heb. 11. 3.

Gen. 2. 7.

Gen. 1. 27.

him dominion over the fish of the Sea, and 28.
over the fowl of the Air, and over every
living thing that moveth upon the earth.

VII. *I Believe that* the Lord hath pre- Psal. 103. 19.
par'd his throne in the heavens, and his
Kingdom ruleth over all; *so that tho'* two Matt. 10. 29.
sparrows are sold for a farthing; yet one of
them shall not fall on the ground without
our Father; *and that* the very hairs of *our* 30.
head are all numbred.

VIII. *I Believe that tho', as Creator and* Psal. 47. 7.
King of all the earth, the Lord God com- Gen. 2. 16.
manded man, saying, of every tree of the
garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the 17.
tree of the knowledge of good and evil,
thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that
thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely dye;
yet, the woman being deceiv'd, took of the 1 Tim. 2. 14.
fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also un- Gen. 3. 6.
to her husband with her, and he did eat:
and that thus by one Man sin enter'd into the Rom. 5. 12.
world, and death by sin; and so death
pass'd upon all men, for that all have sinned,
and *are* by nature the children of wrath, Eph. 2. 3.
being shapen in iniquity, and conceiv'd in Psal. 51. 5.
sin: *because* none can bring a clean thing out Job 14. 4.
of an unclean; *so that* every mouth is stop'd, Rom. 3. 19.
and all the world *is* become guilty before
God, *being* dead in trespasses and sins, where- Eph. 2. 1,
in *they* walk according to the course of this 2.
world, according to the prince of the
power of the air, the Spirit that worketh in
the children of disobedience, *even* in the va- Eph. 4. 17,
nity of their mind, having the understanding 18.
darken'd, being alienated from the life of
God,

God, thro' the Ignorance that is in them; because of the blindness of their heart :
 19. who, being past feeling, have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. *Thus, being*
 2 Tim. 3. 6. led away with divers lusts, *as well as taken*
 2. 26. captive by the devil at his will, *they do, after*
 Rom. 2. 5. *their hardness and impenitent heart, treasure up unto themselves wrath against the day of wrath, and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.*

IX. *I Believe, that notwithstanding this,*
 Eph. 1. 3. God *does* bless *some* with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ : according
 4. as he has chosen *them* in him before the foundation of the world, that *they* should be holy, and without blame before him in
 5. love : having predestinated *them* unto the adoption of children, by Jesus Christ, to himself, according to the good pleasure of
 Ez. 36. 27. his will : *that therefore he puts his Spirit within them, and causes 'em to walk in his statutes, and keep his judgments, and do*
 Eph. 2. 10. *them : so that they are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordain'd that they*
 2 Thes. 2. 13. *should walk in them, having from the beginning chosen them to Salvation, thro' sanctification of the spirit, and belief of the truth.*

X: *I BELIEVE, that as there is one God,*
 Jam. 2. 19. *so there is one Mediator, between God*
 1 Tim. 2. 5. *and men, the man Christ Jesus, who being*
 John 1. 1. *also the word of God, was made flesh, and*
 14. *dwelt among us, having been conceiv'd in the*
 Luke 1. 31. *womb*

womb of the virgin Mary; For the Holy 35.
 Ghost came upon her, and the power of the
 highest over-shadowed her: therefore also
 that holy thing which was born of her, is
 called the Son of God, and his Name is also Jer. 23. 6.
 call'd [*Yehovah*, or] the Lord, our righteous-
 ness, wonderful, counsellor, the mighty God, Isa. 9. 6.
 the everlasting Father [or *Father of ages*]
 the Prince of peace: for in him dwells all Col. 2. 9.
 the fullness of the God-head bodily.

XI. *I Believe, that God having rais'd him* Deut. 18. 18.
up a prophet for us from among our brethren,
and having put his words in his mouth, he
has spoken unto us all that God commanded
him, that we might believe that Jesus is the John 20. 31.
Christ the Son of God, and that believing
we might have life thro' his name, being
taught by the Holy Ghost, which is sent in his John 14. 26.
name.

XII. *I Believe that Christ was once offered* Heb. 9. 28.
to bear the sins of many, that he might be Heb. 2. 17.
a merciful and faithful high-priest, in things
pertaining to God, to make reconciliation
for the sins of the People: that he is able Heb. 7. 25,
also to save them to the uttermost, that
come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives 26,
to make intercession for them, for such an
high priest became us, who is holy, harm-
less, undefiled, separate from sinners, and
made higher than the heavens; who needed 27,
not daily, as the high priests under the law,
to offer up sacrifice first for his own sins, and
then for the peoples; for this he did once,
when he offer'd up himself: for the law 28.
made men high priests which had infirmity;

but the word of the Oath, which was since the Law, **maketh** the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

Phil. 2. 7,

XIII. *I Believe, that because he made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a Servant, and was made in the*
8, likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the
9, Cross: therefore God has highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every
10, name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and
11, that every tongue should confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Fa-

Psal. 2. 6.

1 Cor. 15. 4.

Mark 16. 19.

Eph. 1. 20,

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Acts 3. 21.

1 Cor. 15. 24,

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ther, who has set him up a king upon his holy hill of Zion; for tho' he was bury'd, he rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures, and then after he had spoken unto his disciples, he was receiv'd up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God in the heavenly places, far above all Principality, and Power, and Might, and Dominion, and every Name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: where the heaven must receive him, until the times of restitution of all things; then comes the end, when he shall have deliver'd up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all Rule, and
all Authority, and Power; for he must reign till he has put all Enemies under his feet.
The last enemy that shall be destroy'd, is
Death: and when all things shall be sub-
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dued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

XIV. *I Believe that as many as receive* John 1. 12.

this Jesus Christ, to them gives he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his name, which are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God: seeing by grace such are saved, thro' faith; and that not of themselves: it is the gift of God, who calls them unto the fellowship of his son Jesus Christ, who sends unto them his ministers, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctify'd by faith that is in him, neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

Eph. 2. 8.

1 Cor. 1. 9.

Acts. 26. 17.

18.

4. 12.

XV. *I Believe that being justify'd by faith,* Rom. 5. 1,

we have peace with God, thro' our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this Grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God, which hope makes not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us, the fruit of which, is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

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Gal. 5. 22.

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XVI. *I Believe that Christ sent his Apostles and Ministers, saying, go ye and teach* [or dis-

Mat. 28. 19,

(iple) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and
 20. of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even
 Rom. 6. 3. unto the end of the world: *and* that so many of us as were baptized unto Jesus
 + Christ, were baptized into his death: therefore we are buried with him, by baptism, into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead, by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

1 Cor. 11. 23, XVII. *I Believe* that the Lord Jesus, the
 same night in which he was betray'd, took
 24. bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, take eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in
 25. remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as often as
 26. ye drink it, in remembrance of me: *that* as often as we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we do shew the Lord's death till he
 10. 16, come; *and that* the cup of blessing which is blessed, is the communion of the blood of Christ: the bread which is broken, is the
 17. communion of the body of Christ; for we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

Col. 1. 18. XVIII. *I Believe* that Christ is the head of
 1 Cor. 12. 12. the body, the Church; *and that* as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body being many, are
 one

one body : so also is Christ : for by one Spirit 13.
 we are all baptized into one body, whether
 we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be
 bond or free ; and have been all made to
 drink into one Spirit. Now therefore we Eph. 2. 19,
 are no more strangers and foreigners, but
 fellow Citizens with the Saints, and of the
 household of God.

XIX. *I Believe that this Church of God is*
 built upon the foundation of the Apostles 20.
 and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the
 chief corner stone ; who, when he ascended 4. 8,
 up on high, led captivity captive, and gave
 gifts unto Men, he gave some, Apostles : 11,
 and some, Prophets : and some, Evangelists :
 and some, Pastors and Teachers ; for the 12,
 perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the
 Ministry, for the edifying of the body of
 Christ : till we all come in the unity of the 13,
 faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of
 God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure
 of the stature of the fulness of Christ : that
 we henceforth be no more children, tossed 14,
 to and fro, and carry'd about with every
 wind of Doctrine, by the Slight of men,
 and cunning craftiness, whereby they lye in
 wait to deceive : but speaking the truth in 15,
 love, may grow up into him in all things,
 which is the head, even Christ : from 16.
 whom the whole body fitly joyn'd together,
 and compact by that which every joynt
 supplies, according to the effectual working
 in the measure of every part, maketh in-
 crease of the body, unto the edifying of it-
 self in love.

- 1 Tim. 2. 5, **XX.** *I Believe that Supplications, Prayers, Intercessions, and giving of thanks ought to*
 2. *be made for all men: for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty; and that every soul ought to be subject unto the higher Powers: for there is no power but of God: the Powers that be, are*
 Rom. 13. 1, 2. *ordain'd of God. Whosoever therefore resists the Power, resists the ordinance of God: and they that resist, shall receive to themselves*
 3. *Damnation: for Rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil.*

- Eccl. 12. 7. **XXI.** *I Believe that when we dye, our dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the Spirit shall return unto God who gave it: that then the Faithful shall be with Christ in Paradise; but the Spirits of the wicked shall go into prison, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*
 Luke 23. 43. 1 Pet. 3. 19.
 Jude 7.

- Afts 17. 31. **XXII.** *I Believe that God has appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he has ordain'd; whereof he has given assurance unto all men, in that he has rais'd him from the dead; and that, as the Father has Life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to*
 John 5. 26, 27. *have Life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute Judgment also, because*
 28. *he is the son of man: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves*
 29. *shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation: for we*
 2 Cor. 5. 10. *must*

must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things **DONE** in his body, according to that he has done, whether it be good or bad; for God shall bring every work into Judgment, with every secret thing, in the day when God shall judge the Secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to *the* Gospel, when the Lord Jesus shall be reveal'd from heaven with his mighty Angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punish'd with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his Power; when he shall come to be glorify'd in his Saints, and to be admir'd in all them that believe in that day, *when, tho'* we shall not all sleep, yet we shall all be chang'd in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; *for* we which are alive, and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep: for the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the Air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. But of That day and **that** hour knows no man, no, not the Angels which are in heaven.

Eccle. 12. 14.

Rom. 2. 16.

2 Thes. 1. 7,

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1 Cor. 15. 51,

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1 Thes. 4. 15,

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Mark 13. 32.

XXIII. *To conclude then, I Believe that it will be mine, and is every Ministers duty, know-*
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2 Cor. 5. 11.

ing ~~this~~ and the terrors of the Lord, to per-
 Mark 13. 33, swade men to take heed, to watch and pray
 35, (for we know not when the master of the
 house comes, at even, or at midnight, or at
 36. the cock-crowing, or in the morning) lest
 coming suddenly, he find ~~us~~ sleeping, and
 Luke 12. 35, that our loyns be girt about, and our lights
 36, burning; and we ourselves like unto men that
 wait for their Lord, when he will return
 from the wedding, that when he comes and
 knocks, they may open unto him imme-
 diately.

37. BLESSED are those Servants whom the
 Lord when he comes shall find watching :
 Rev. 22. 20. therefore, seeing he says, surely I come quick-
 ly, let ~~us~~ all be ready to say, Amen, even so;
 come LORD JESUS.

F I N I S.

